(e) if not, what is the reaction of Government on the news appearing in Jansatta dated 5th April, 1993 captioned "Koela Mantralaya Ki Laparwahi Se Karoron Ka Chcona" ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) The rail loading of coal is being monitored on the basis of company-wise loading in terms of Four Wheeler Wagons/day (FWWs/Day). The available data of subsidiary-wise coal loading in Coal India Ltd. for the year 1992-93 is given below :

Name of Subsidiary Company	Total wagon loading in 1992-93 (in terms of FWWs per day)
ECL	1892
BCCL	2603
CCL	2982
NCL	1148
WCL	1701
SECL	2967
NCL	1789
NEI	1890
Total (CIL)	15172

Coal Companies do not maintain data regarding number of sick wagons. Besides some wagons could be used by railways for loading coal and also other commodities.

(c) to (e) Care is taken ensure full utilisation of rail wagons allotted for coal loding. However, there could always be some case of marginal under-loading/ overloading specially in places where no weighbridge have been installed. Steps are being taken to install weighbridges at all the rail loading points and minimise such lossees.

Privatisation of unexplored coal mines

684. DR. SANJAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to hand over 'virgin' coal mines with linkages to Power Plants to private companies willing to set up power units; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) The Government have taken a decision to permit private sector participation in coal mining operations in virgin areas for the purpose of captive consumption for power generation, for setting up of washeries and for other and uses as may be notified by Government from time to time.

A Bill to amend the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 for this purpose is pending enactment.